>Title: Welcome to the Parliamentary delegation under His Excellency Mr. Samane Vignaketh, President of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the other members of the delegation.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the hon. Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Samane Vignaketh, President of the National Assembly of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the members of the Parliamentary Delegation from Lao People's Democratic Republic who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

They arrived in India on Monday, 21 July, 2003. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the President, the National Assembly and the friendly people of Lao People's Democratic Republic.